(e) The number of cases booked and the value of contraband seized as well as the quantity and value of gold seized during the last two calender years of 1987 and 1988 are given in the table below:-

Year	Number of cases booked	Value of contraband seized (Rs. in crores)	Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.)	Value of gold seized (Rs. in crores)
1987	55,873	251.47	2255	65.78
1988*	62,293	433.15	6094	200.51

* Figures are provisional.

Statistics of cases involving seizures of gold alone are not maintained separately.

Seizure of Brown Sugar in Bombay

1681. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 15th February, 1989 to the effect that brown sugar worth Rs. 81 crores has been seized near Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection and what action has been taken against the persons apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On 14.2.1989, the officers of the Flying Squad of Prohibition & Excise Department of Government of Maharashtra had seized 80 kgs. of brown sugar/heroin from a storage point at Madanpura, Bombay, consequent to the apprehension of one Mohd. Sahib Mohd. Zuber at Hotel Heritage at Central Bombay and recovery of 1 kg. of heroin from him. In this connection, 7 persons in all had been arrested (including two from Pakistan) and remanded to judicial custody till 14.3.1989.

No precise value of the drug seized can be furnished as this is dependent upon various factors like purity, place of origin, local demand and supply, etc.

Simplification of Export Documents

1682. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have recommended to the Finance Ministry for simplificaton of export documents; if so, in what sphere the simplification has been sought and whether these have been resolved;

(b) what measures are being contemplated to cut down red tapism and whether various trade bodies have complained about this; and

(c) whether Government have assured support to all Indian exporters to raise country's exports and if so, what would be estimated, exports in the current financial year as against last year?

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(SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Simplification of export documents and procedures is an on-going process. The suggestions received for simplification of export documents, from time to time, are considered in a positive manner in consultation with the concerned Ministries in the Government, including Ministry of Finance, and the organisations connected with export trade. Similarly, the genuine difficulties pointed out by the trade are always looked into carefully with a view to solving them.

(c) It is the Government's avowed policy to give maximum encouragement for raising the country's exports. As a result, whereas the provisional export figure for 1987-88 stands at Rs. 15,719 crores, the export target for the current year i.e. 1988-89, has been fixed at Rs. 18,795 crores.

United Nations Environment Programme

1683. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance received under the United Nations Environment Programme and the Statewise details as to how it is being spent since 1984; and

(b) the details of proposals received from Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard and funds released so far for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) An amount of US $ 5000 only has been received from the United Nations Environment Programme since 1984 which has been spent for the purpose of providing environment information services. No disbursement has been made to the States.

(b) No proposals have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the question of releasing of funds does not arise.

Plight of handloom weavers

1684. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the handloom weavers have turned out to be the worst victims of the erroneous policies of his Ministry; and

(b) whether Government are aware that there is wide-spread, fueling amongst weavers that the policies and programmes of his Ministry are aimed at favouring the mills, powerlooms and big business at the expense of the small weavers; if so, what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that the Textile Policy of June, 1985 has adversely affected the interests of handloom weavers. The Textile Policy, 1985 is aimed at harmonious development of all the three sectors of the Textile Industry *viz-* handloom, powerloom and mill sector. However, Government have constituted a Committee on 13-5-88 for reviewing the progress of implementation of the Policy in respect of the various sectors of the Textile Industry with particular emphasis on how far the various measures devised in the Textile Policy for protection of handlooms have been effective in achieving their objective.

Agreement with Australia for Concessional Finance

1685. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with Australia for a package of concessional finance; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?